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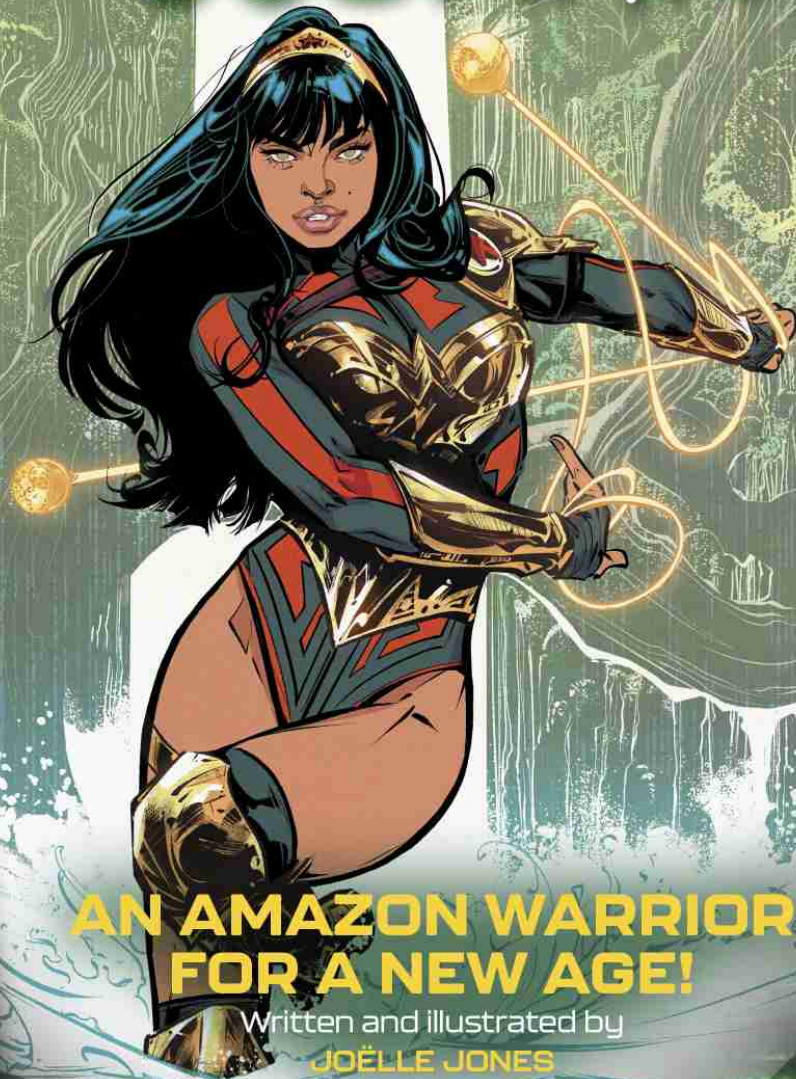


HERE LIES
BARRY
ALLEN
THE MAN
WHO
DESTROYED
REALITY

MR. QUEZ!

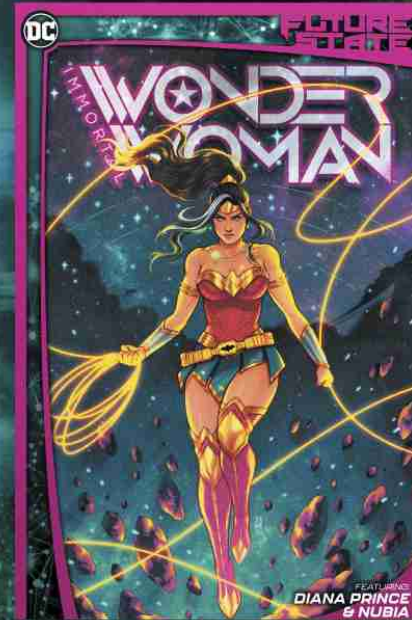
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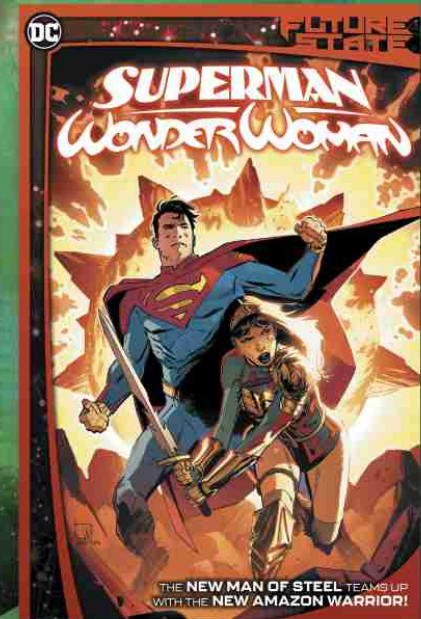
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SUPERMAN CREATED BY **JOE SHUSTER** AND **JERRY SIEGEL**.
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A large, muscular man with a yellow and red suit and a lightning bolt on his chest is shown in a dynamic pose, reaching out with his right hand. He is surrounded by several smaller, identical versions of himself, all in similar poses, suggesting a time-based attack or a clone army. The background is a bright blue and white energy field.

**TIME IS HIS
DOMAIN, ALMOST
AS MUCH AS MINE.**

**HE HAS
WEAPONIZED
IT.**

**HIS NAME IS
EOBARD THAWNE.
THE REVERSE-FLASH.**

A large, complex mechanical structure with a central face-like component is shown in a dark, space-like environment. The structure is composed of various metallic parts, pipes, and glowing blue lights. Several large, blue, spherical objects are floating in the foreground, partially obscuring the view of the structure. The overall tone is dark and mysterious.

**I AM TEMPUS FUGITAUT
AND I AM LOOKING FOR
HOPE IN THE DARK EARTHS
OF THE MULTIVERSE.**

**THIS IS THE WORLD OF
THE FLASHPOINT. IT WAS A
REALITY CREATED BY THE
HOPE OF A SINGLE MAN,
BARRY ALLEN, WHO SOUGHT
TO RIGHT THE WRONGS
THAWNE WROUGHT ON HIM.**

**ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST,
MOST HOPEFUL OF HEROES,
THE FLASH DOESN'T EXIST
HERE, BUT HIS SHADOW IS
GOING TO FALL ACROSS
THIS WORLD...**





THEY ARE OPPOSING
FORCES, POSITIVE
AND NEGATIVE.

EACH DRAGGING
REALITY BEHIND
THEM IN THEIR
WAKE.

AND A NEW, DARK WORLD
IS FORGED IN THE FIRES
OF THEIR CONFLICT...

...WITH THE SUPER
POWERS AT WAR...

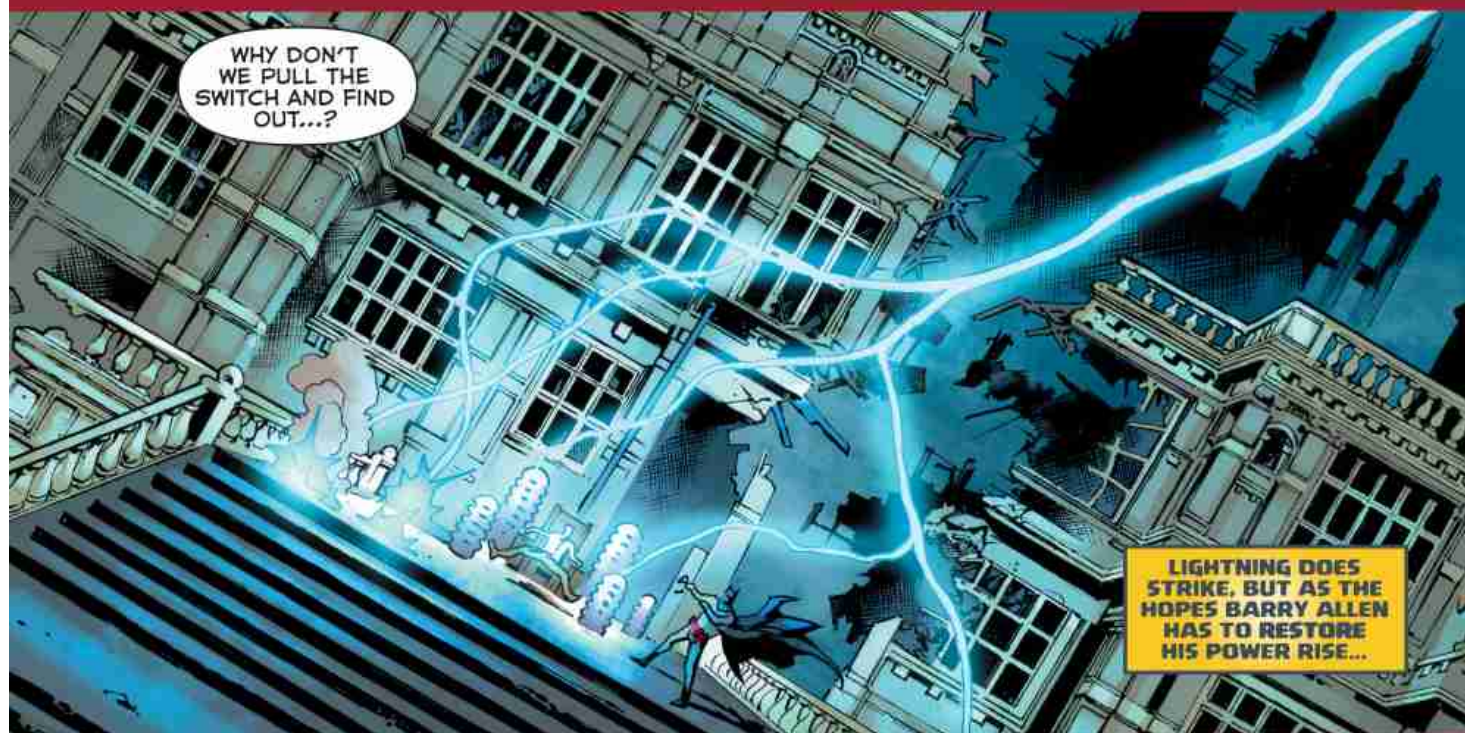
...AND OF UNLIKELY ALLIES
WANTING, NEEDING, TO
CHANGE A BROKEN WORLD.



...DOUSING YOURSELF
WITH CHEMICALS AND
PLUGGING INTO A LIGHTNING
ROD IS GOING TO TURN YOU
INTO "THE FASTEST MAN
ALIVE"?

...THAT'S
HOW I BECAME
THE FLASH THE
FIRST TIME...

...THEY SAY
LIGHTNING
NEVER STRIKES
TWICE...



WHY DON'T
WE PULL THE
SWITCH AND FIND
OUT...?

LIGHTNING DOES
STRIKE, BUT AS THE
HOPES BARRY ALLEN
HAS TO RESTORE
HIS POWER RISE...



...THIS ISN'T THE SPEED
FORCE THAT STRIKES,
IT'S SOMETHING ELSE...



AAAAAH!

AND WHAT IT CREATES
ISN'T A CHANCE AT
REDEMPTION FOR
BARRY ALLEN...

...IT CREATES A NEW
POINT OF DIVERGENCE...

...A DARK
FLASHPOINT...



...WHERE HOPE FOR A RESTORED
REALITY SHOULD HAVE BEEN, THERE IS
SOMETHING TWISTED AND BROKEN...



...SOMETHING
NEGATIVE...



...REVERSED.

WELL, *THIS* IS
UNEXPECTED.













RUNNING THROUGH THIS WORLD,
I CAN FEEL IT. COMING APART
ONE LIFE AT A TIME.

I CAN HEAR ALL THEIR
STORIES, THESE PEOPLE,
THEIR PAST AND FUTURE
HISTORIES.

IT'S A WORLD ON THE
BRINK OF ANNIHILATION,
TEARING ITSELF APART.

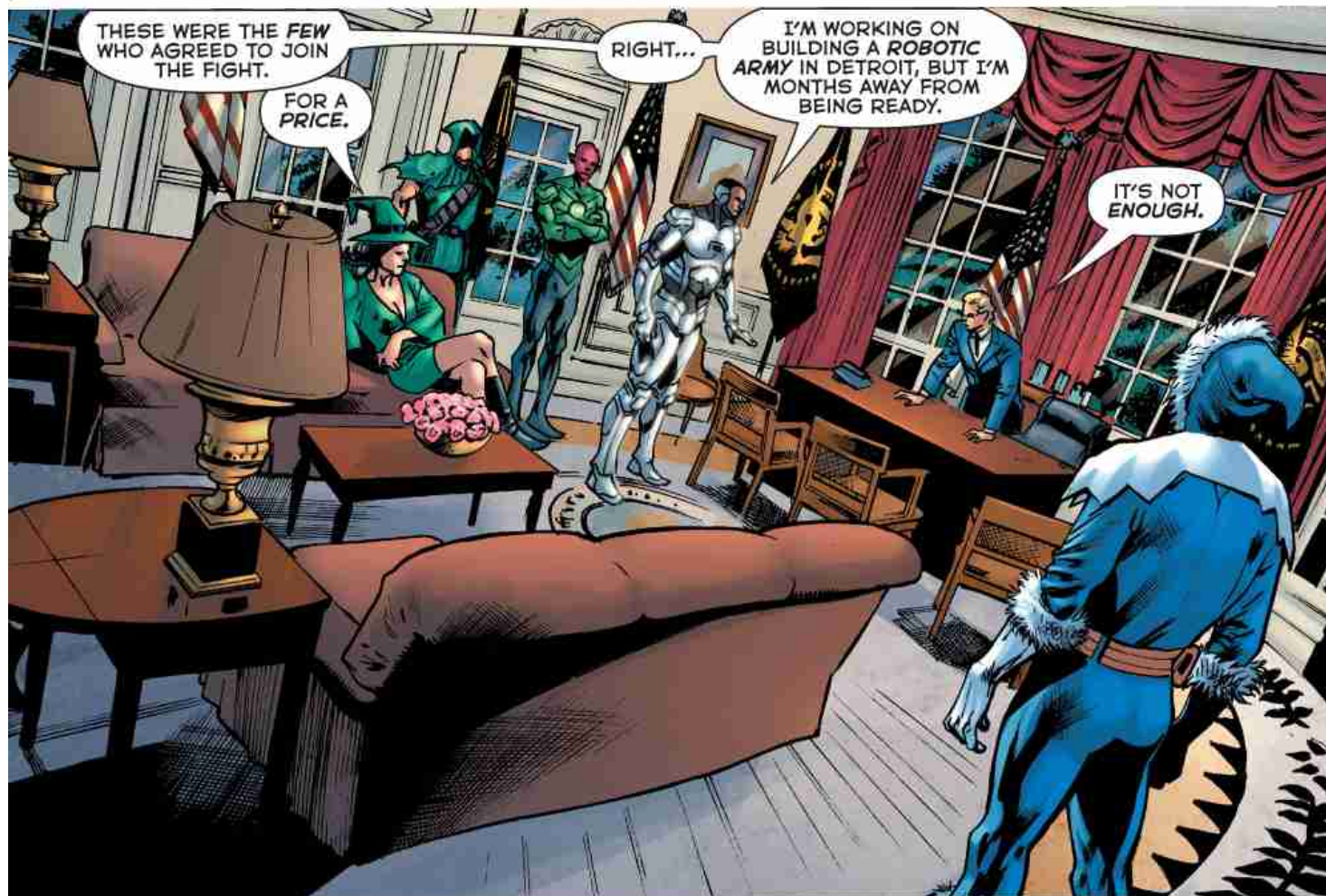
HOPE AND
DESPAIR.

BARRY'S HOPE OF
A SINGLE LIFE SAVED
DOOMING BILLIONS.
HE COULDN'T HAVE MADE
ME A FINER WORLD.

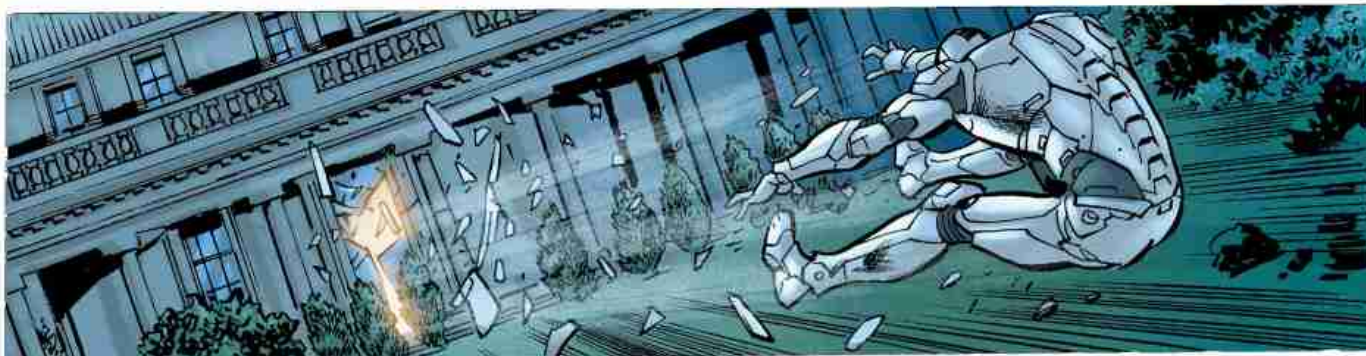
WASHINGTON, D.C.

BATMAN
WOULDN'T HELP US,
MR. PRESIDENT.









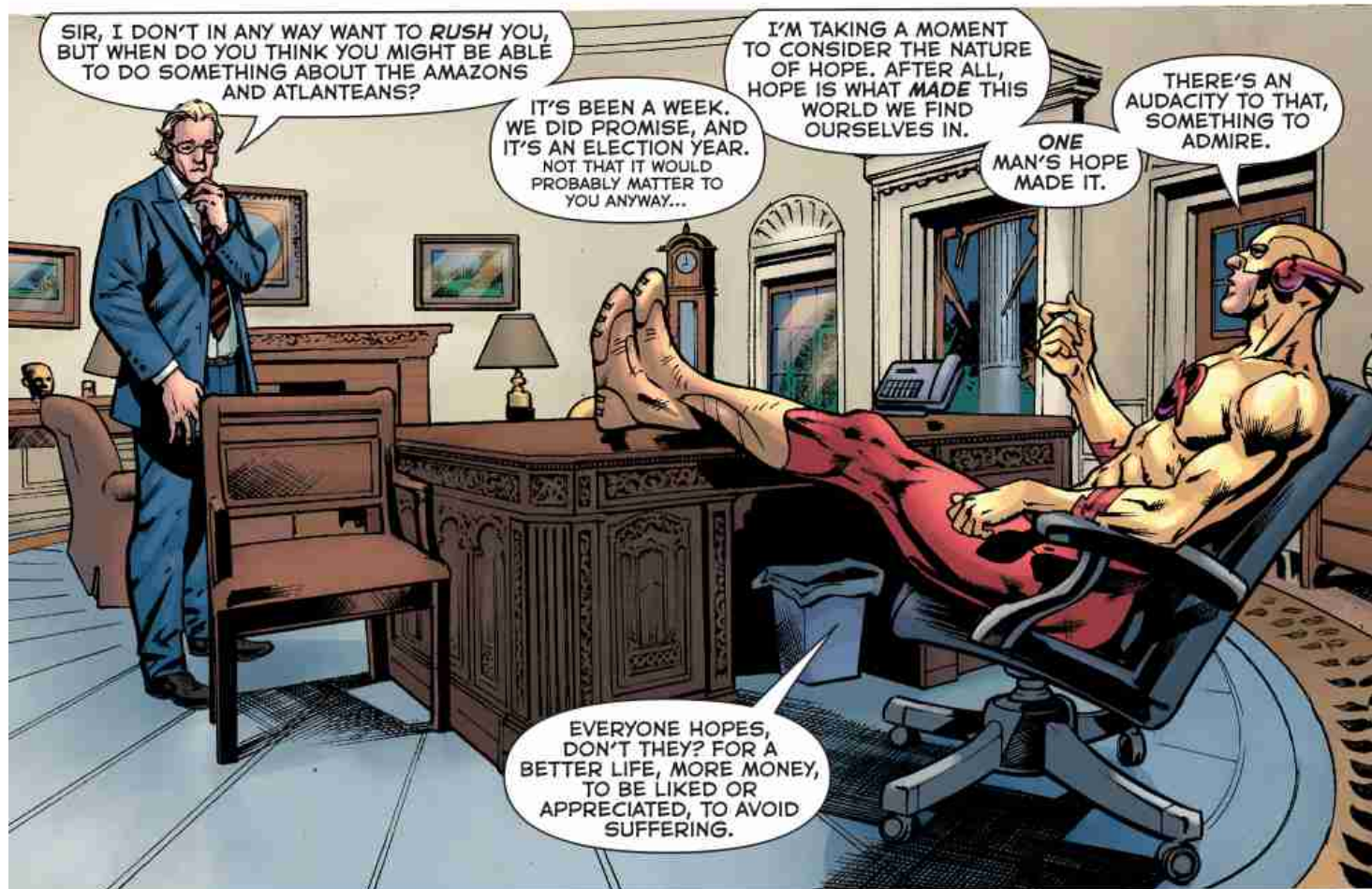






BUT ALL THE THINGS BARRY SAID HE'D BE ABLE TO DO IF HE GOT HIS POWERS BACK--IF THAWNE IS EVEN MORE POWERFUL, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?







...EXPERIMENTAL DATA ON THIS SUPERMAN SUBJECT ARE AMAZING.

I DON'T THINK THEY TESTED HIM ANYWHERE NEAR HIS LIMITS. DON'T THINK THEY DARED TO, BUT HE MIGHT BE AS FAST AS THAWNE. CERTAINLY STRONG AND POTENTIALLY INDESTRUCTIBLE. GIVES HIM AN ADVANTAGE.

AN ALIEN.



WHY WOULD HE BE ON OUR SIDE? FIGHT FOR US? AFTER ALL, HUMANITY HAS KEPT HIM CAGED FOR HIS WHOLE LIFE.

AND IF WE RELEASE HIM, HOW DO WE CONTROL HIM? APPEAL TO HIS HUMANITY?

THE PYSCH EVALS SUGGEST THAT MIGHT BE THE CASE, YES. THEY'VE DELIBERATELY KEPT HIM ISOLATED, ALONE, WITH NO SIGNIFICANT RELATIONSHIPS. BUT HE SEEMS TO WANT TO FORM EMOTIONAL CONNECTIONS.

FRIENDSHIPS.

NOT MY AREA.

GOING TO GET INTO THE SECURITY SYSTEMS. BE IN TOUCH SOON.

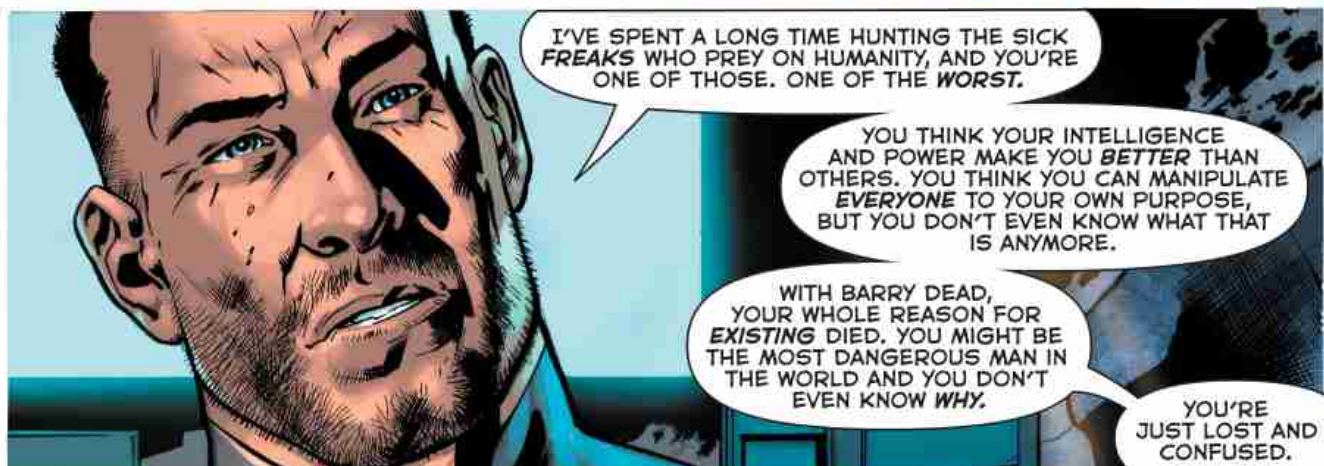


SO, STONE'S STILL KICKING ABOUT THE ETHER? MUST HAVE BACKED UP HIS BRAIN. CLEVER.

THINK HE'S GONE THROUGH ALL YOUR FILES? MAYBE YOU SHOULD DELETE YOUR HISTORY?

THAWNE. RUNNING A PRESIDENT ISN'T KEEPING YOU BUSY?

OH, YOU KNOW, I CAN BE HERE AND THERE...







AND DO YOU BELIEVE HIM?

HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN MISGUIDED, BUT HE SEEMED LIKE AN HONEST MAN, AND I'VE SEEN TOO FEW OF THOSE IN MY LIFE.



WELL, LET ME GIVE YOU SOME HONESTY. I *COULD* CHANGE THINGS, CHANGE HISTORY.

IF I WANTED TO.

I COULD CHANGE *ANYTHING*, ANYBODY'S LIFE, IN ANY WAY I LIKE. I COULD MAKE THIS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT WORLD.



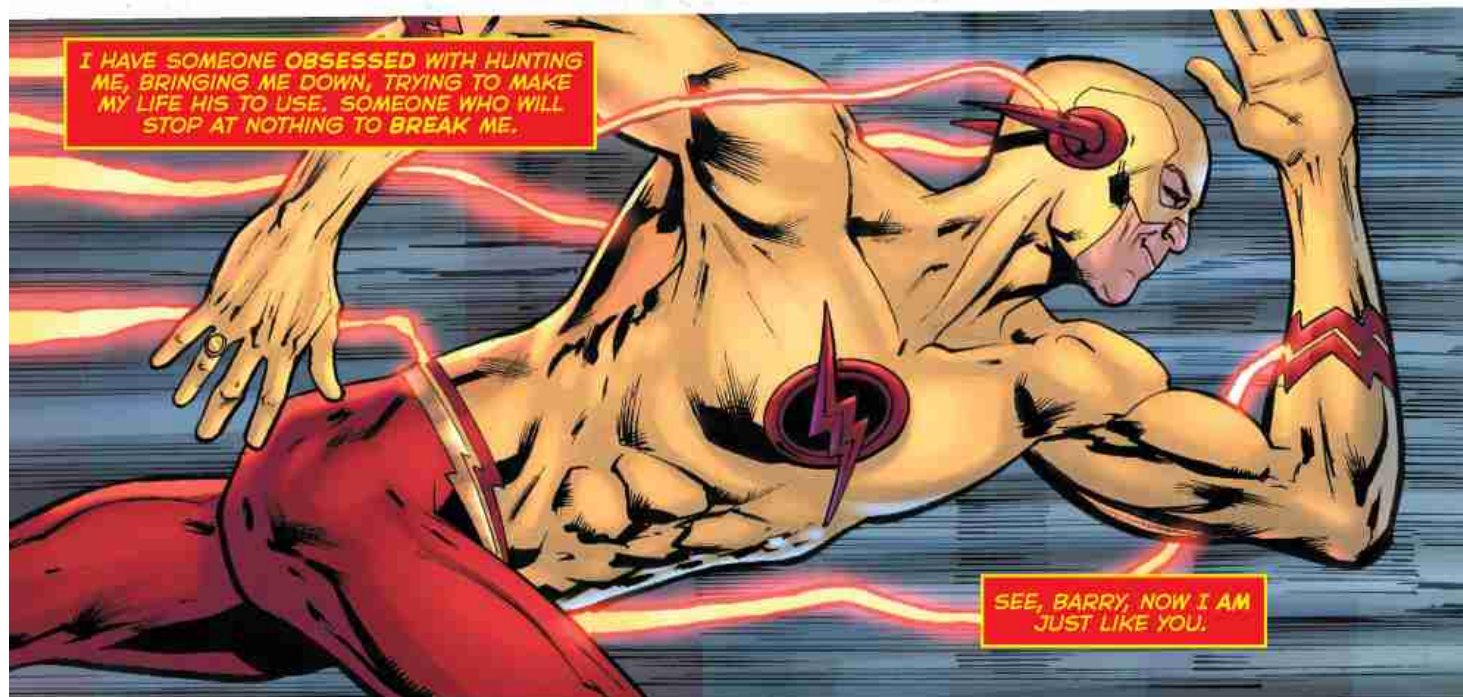
BRUCE? YOU COULD SAVE BRUCE AND MARTHA.



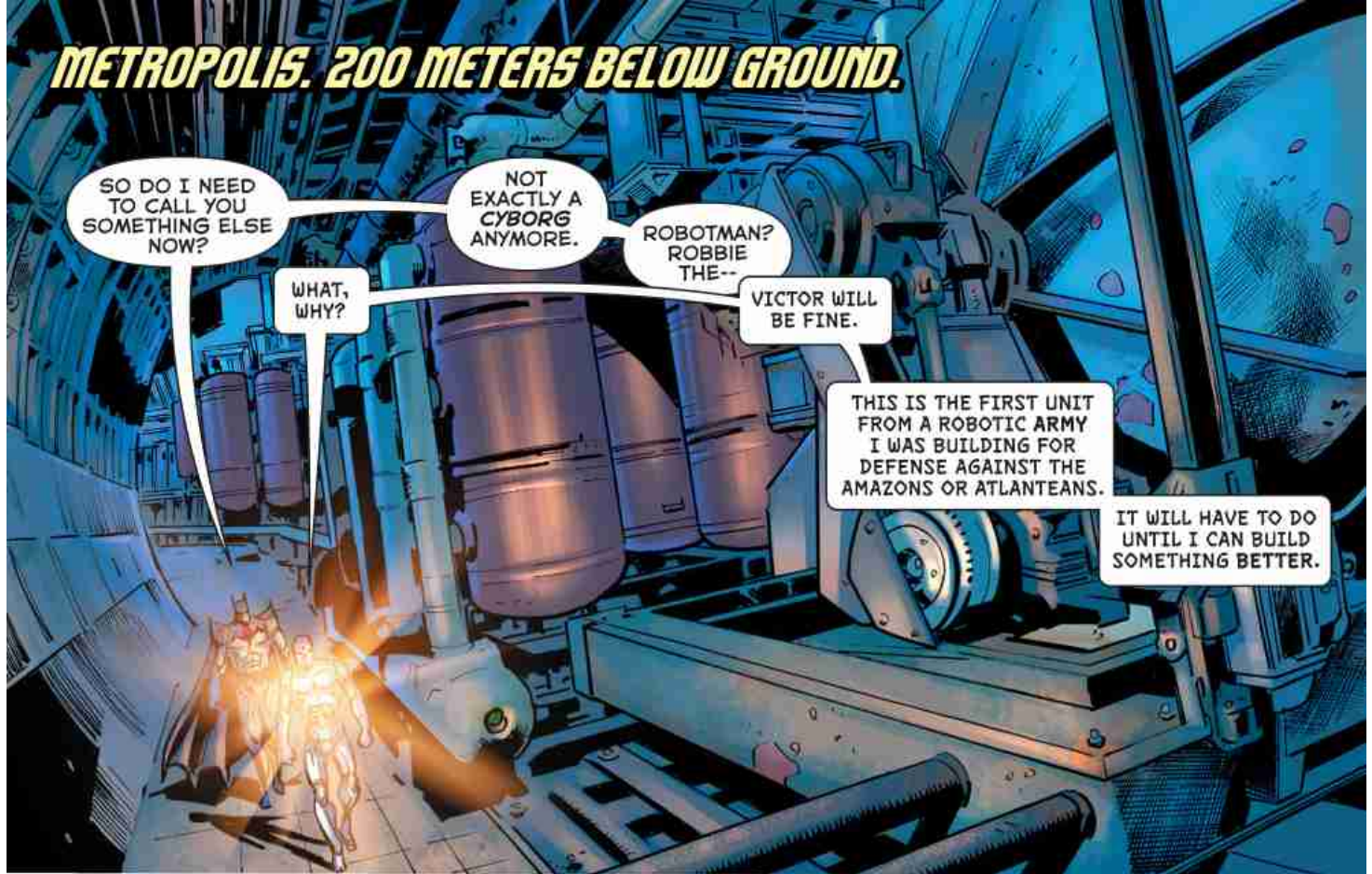
YES. I COULD.



WILL YOU SAVE THEM? WILL YOU BRING MY BOY BACK?



METROPOLIS. 200 METERS BELOW GROUND.



SO DO I NEED
TO CALL YOU
SOMETHING ELSE
NOW?

NOT
EXACTLY A
CYBORG
ANYMORE.

ROBOTMAN?
ROBBIE
THE--

VICTOR WILL
BE FINE.

WHAT,
WHY?

THIS IS THE FIRST UNIT
FROM A ROBOTIC ARMY
I WAS BUILDING FOR
DEFENSE AGAINST THE
AMAZONS OR ATLANTEANS.

IT WILL HAVE TO DO
UNTIL I CAN BUILD
SOMETHING BETTER.

I KNOW WHY I'M
DOING THIS. I WANT
THAWNE STOPPED.
HE'S NO BETTER THAN
THE AMAZON OR
THE AQUAMAN.

WHAT'S
IN THIS FOR
YOU?

FOR ME?
NOTHING.

I JUST THINK
THERE CAN BE A
BETTER WORLD THAN
THIS ONE, THAT WE
CAN MAKE IT IF WE
TRY HARD ENOUGH.

I DON'T THINK I CAN
ALLOW MYSELF THAT
MUCH HOPE. IT WOULDN'T
CHANGE THE THINGS
THAT MADE ME
WHAT I AM.

WE HAVE POWER
AND IT SHOULD BE OUR
RESPONSIBILITY TO USE IT
TO HELP THOSE WHO DON'T,
NOT DOMINATE THEM.

IF WE DON'T DO THIS,
THAWNE, THE AMAZON, AND
THE AQUAMAN WON'T CARE
HOW MANY DIE AS THEY
CARVE THE WORLD UP
BETWEEN THEM.

AND WE'RE GOING TO
RELEASE ANOTHER BEING
WITH POWER--MAYBE EVEN
GREATER THAN THAWNE'S
OR THE OTHERS'.

THAT MIGHT BE SEEN AS
DESPERATE, BUT THEN MAYBE
WE'RE DESPERATE MEN. IT'S
CERTAINLY A DESPERATE
WORLD.

WE'RE
HERE.



PARIS.



"I HOPE YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THAT NONE OF THIS IS PERSONAL."

I'VE BEEN VERY GENEROUS. LENIENT, EVEN.



"I COULD HAVE KILLED EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU, BUT STOPPED AT AROUND A THOUSAND OR SO. A DROP IN THE OCEAN FOR YOUR PEOPLE, REALLY."

"BUT I NEED YOU FISH FOLK AND THE AMAZONS TO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S A NEW POWER IN THE WORLD."



ME.

NOW, I'M NOT GREEDY. I COULD HAVE JUST WIPED YOU AND ALL OF ATLANTIS FROM HISTORY AND TAKEN THE WHOLE WORLD FOR MYSELF. I STILL MIGHT ONE DAY, BUT I NEED TO DELIVER A MESSAGE PERSONALLY.



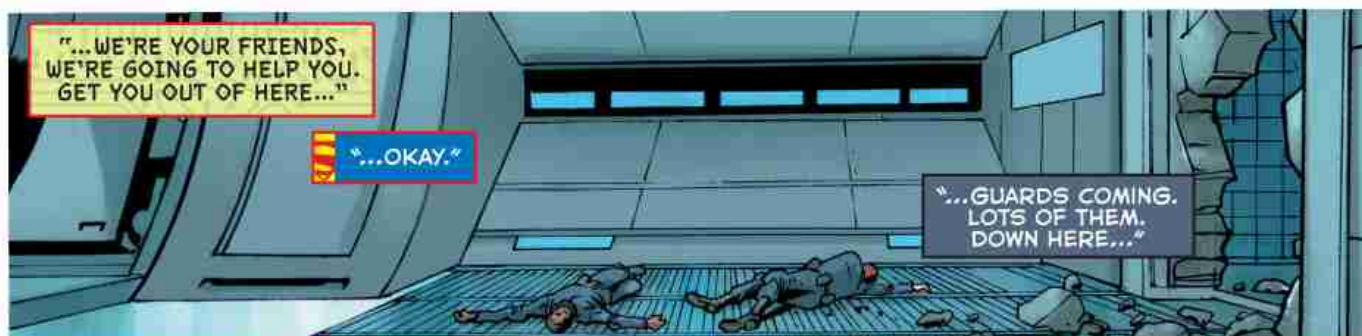


"...COVER YOUR EARS, I'LL SMASH HIS CELL OPEN..."

"...THAT SONIC BLAST HURT HIS EARS. THOUGHT YOU SAID HIS POWERS WOULD BE..."

"...HIS SKIN IS SO PALE, I DON'T THINK HE'S EVER SEEN THE SUN..."

"...HE'S ACTING LIKE HE'S NEVER SEEN A HUMAN."



"...WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS, WE'RE GOING TO HELP YOU. GET YOU OUT OF HERE..."

"...OKAY..."

"...GUARDS COMING. LOTS OF THEM. DOWN HERE..."



"...GNNNH..."

"...WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM...?"

"...THAT GREEN METEORITE... GIVING OFF AN UNUSUAL RADIATION... NEED TO GET HIM AWAY FROM IT..."

"...WHERE ARE YOU GOING...?"

"...WANT TO LOOK IN HERE. MIGHT BE SOMETHING USEFUL..."



"...MAKE IT QUICK. GUARDS CONVERGING ON THIS POSITION."

"...PLEASE, DON'T KILL THEM. ENOUGH PEOPLE HAVE DIED BECAUSE OF ME."



"...METROPOLIS, ALL THEIR EXPERIMENTS. THOUSANDS DEAD. NO MORE."

"NOT BECAUSE OF ME..."



"PLEASE, JUST GET ME OUTSIDE, IN THE SUNLIGHT."

"I'VE HEARD IT'S BEAUTIFUL OUT THERE..."

LONDON, NEW THEMYSCLRA.



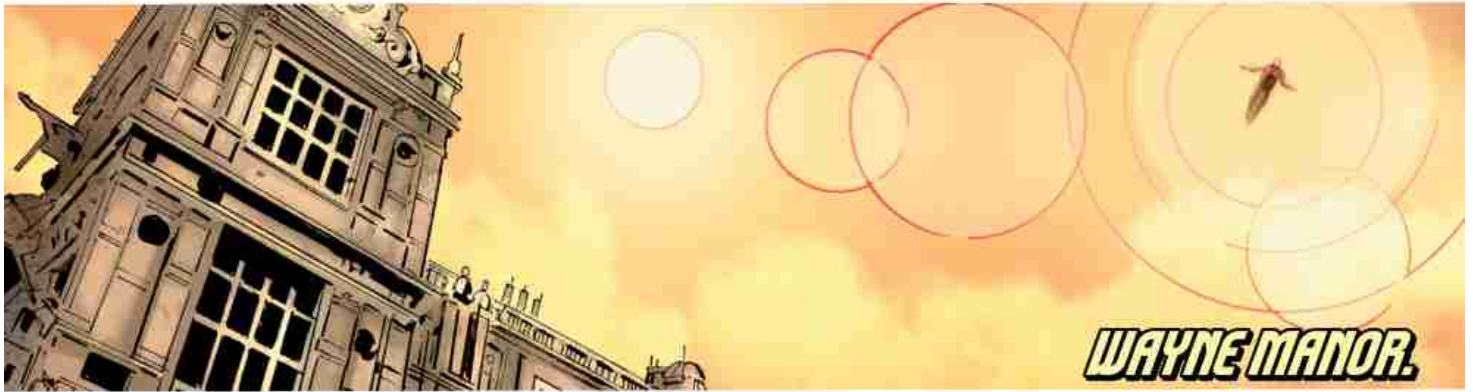


...THE FLASH SAVES AMERICA!...IS HE SINGLE?...

LIVE

...WHITE HOUSE TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT FOLLOWING THE FLASH'S KILLING OF AQUAMAN AND HIS FURTHER NEGOTIATION WITH THE ATLANTEAN AND AMAZONIAN FORCES, ALL HOSTILITIES ARE EXPECTED TO CEASE WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

WITH AMERICA SAVED, WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE FLASH AND THE WORLD?



WAYNE MANOR.



HOW'S HE DOING?

NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT. EVERY MINUTE OF DAYLIGHT, FOR FIVE DAYS, HE JUST HANGS THERE, TAKING IT ALL IN. ALL THE SUNLIGHT.

SOMETHING LIKE 144 MILLION WATTS OF IT AND HIS CELLS JUST PROCESS IT.



NO TELLING HOW POWERFUL HE COULD GET TO BE OVER ENOUGH TIME.

I THINK I'M READY. REMEMBER WHAT I SAID...

CONTAINMENT. NO KILLING.



RIGHT.

LOCKED AND LOADED.



HERE'S THE PLAN...





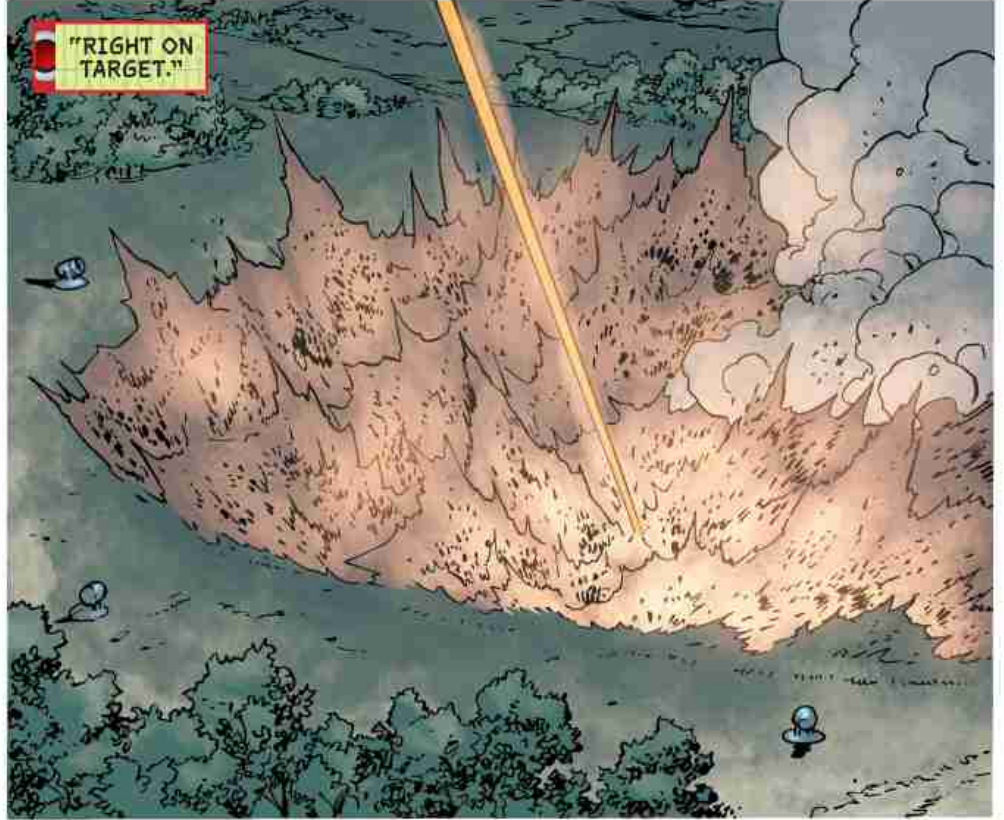
THAT WAS
SUPERMAN!













ENGAGE
WEAPONS
SYSTEMS.



DAMMIT, WAYNE,
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS.

YOU THINK YOU'VE
SUFFERED BEFORE...

...I'LL CHANGE EVERY MOMENT OF
YOUR LIFE FROM BIRTH TO DEATH SO
YOUR SUFFERING LASTS A LIFETIME!



GUNS? WHAT THE
HELL ARE YOU DOING,
WAYNE? WE DON'T
WANT HIM DEAD!

I DON'T WANT
HIM CONTAINED.
I WANT HIM
BROKEN.

I WANT HIM
BEGGING.

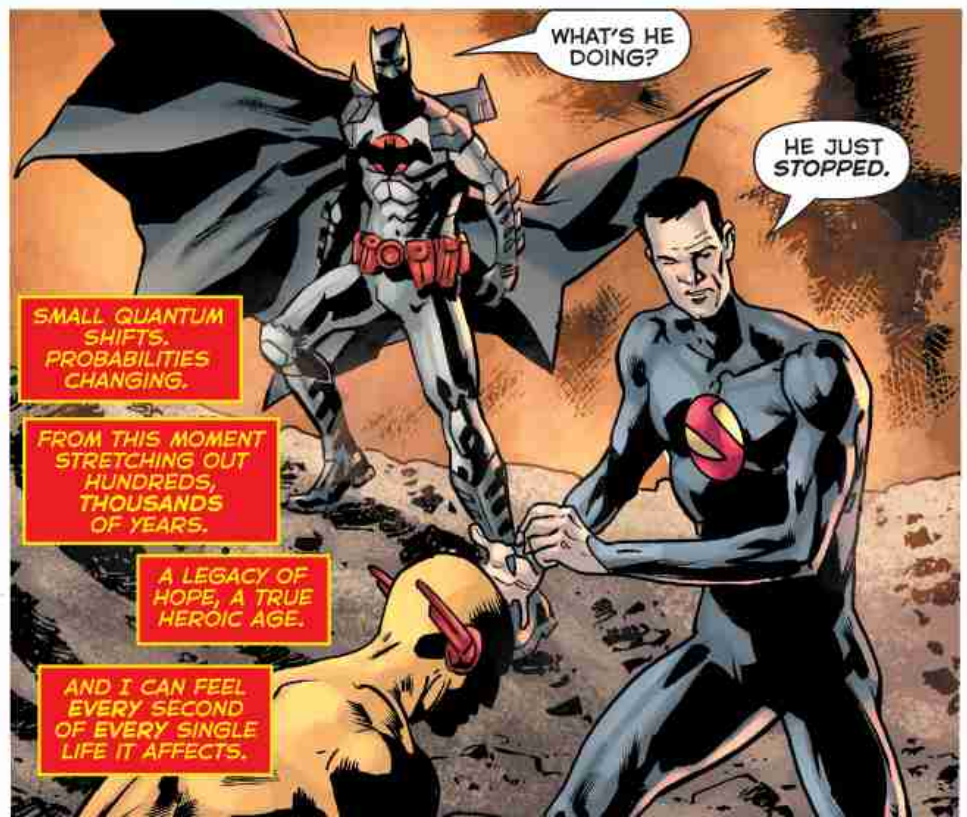
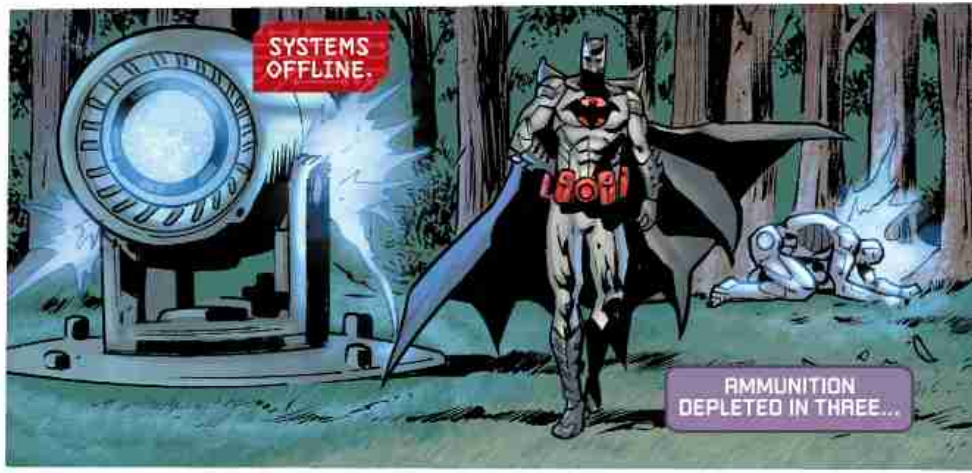


I WANT MY
SON.

AAH!



SYSTEMS
OVERLOADING.





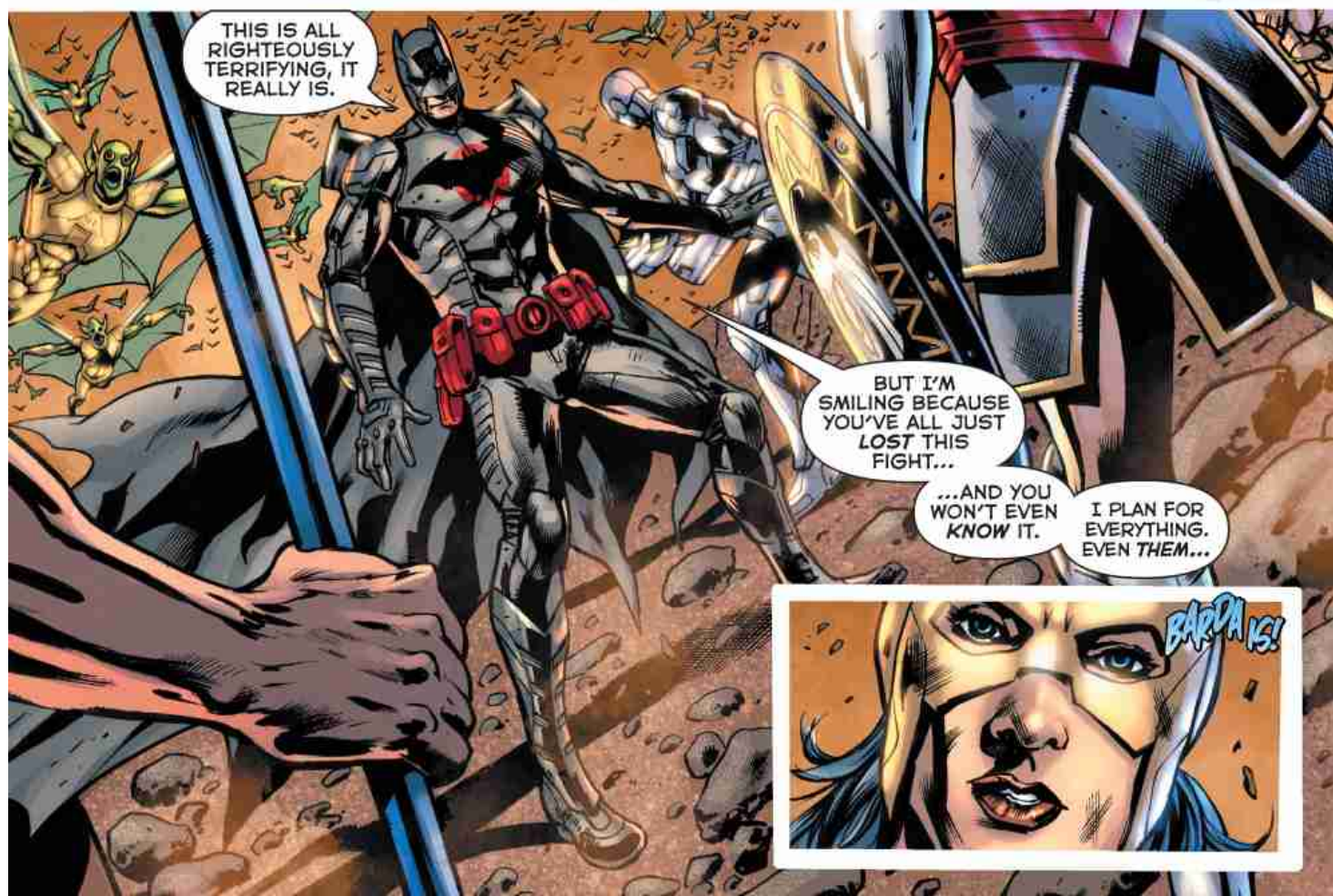
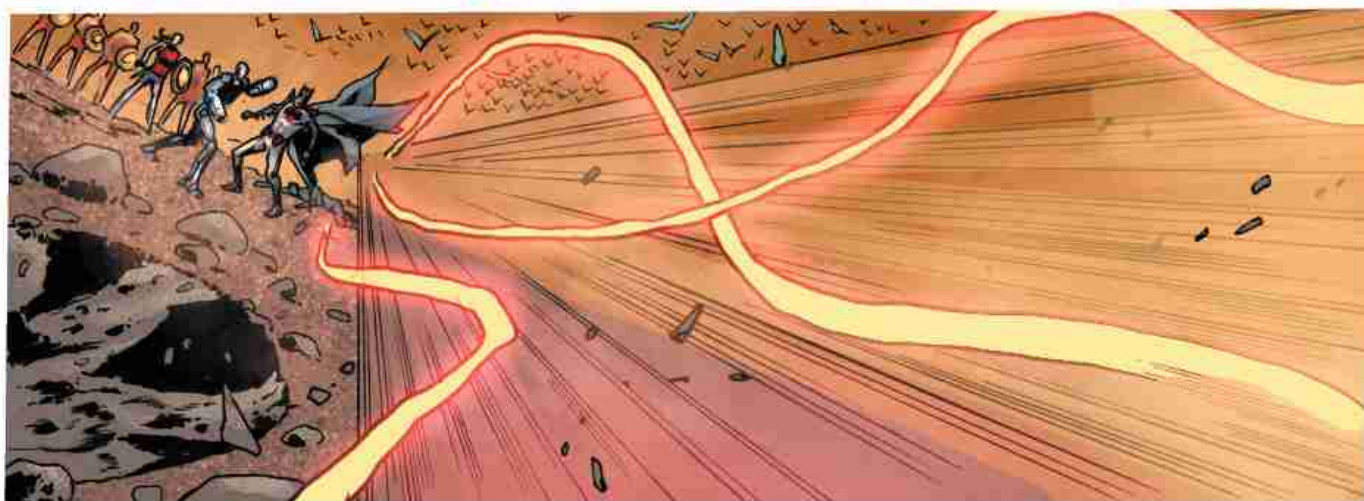




GIVE
US THE
RUNNING
MAN!









I SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS ALL ALONG.



I WAS BLINDED BY THE NEED TO PLAY IN THE RUINS OF THE WORLD BARRY ALLEN LEFT BEHIND, IN WHAT WAS LEFT OF HIS LIFE.

BUT IT'S NOT HIS WORLD NOW.

IT'S MINE.

ALWAYS AND FOREVER.



MY VISION IS CLOUDING. THE NEGATIVE SPEED FORCE IS TOUCHING EVERY PART OF THIS WORLD, ITS HISTORY, PEOPLE, AND FUTURE.

CHANGING IT, CHANGING LIVES. CHANGING EVERYTHING AS OFTEN AS HE LIKES OVER AND OVER. AN ETERNITY OF CONSTANT REBIRTH.

FREE FROM HIS OBSESSION WITH BARRY ALLEN, EOBARD THAWNE'S MIND FIXATES ON HOW TO MAKE THIS WORLD HIS VISION OF PERFECTION.

FOR A MAN WHO CAN LIVE IN THE INFINITIES BETWEEN SECONDS, IT IS A WORLD IN A CONSTANT STATE OF FLUX, SHIFTING ONE DETAIL AT A TIME.

IS THERE HOPE HERE? THERE WAS FOR ONE MAN, BARRY ALLEN, BUT IT WAS HIS HOPE OF CHANGING HIS OWN LIFE THAT CHANGED EVERYONE ELSE'S ON THIS WORLD.

POWER HAS SHIFTED, REALITY HAS BEEN RE-FORMED, REVERSED, BUT NOT TO MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR THE HOPEFUL. JUST A FOCUS FOR A MAN ALREADY TWISTED INTO DARKNESS AND OBSESSION.

IS IT A BETTER WORLD THAN IT WAS?

FOR NOW, POSSIBLY. TOMORROW? THAT DEPENDS ON ALL THE YESTERDAYS THAT THAWNE WILL MAKE.

**GOTHAM CITY.
YEARS AGO.**



THE SAME ALLEY
IN GOTHAM AND
THE SAME CRIME
THAT WROUGHT
A BATMAN IN
BOTH WORLDS.



IN THIS WORLD,
THE TRAGEDY WAS
THOMAS WAYNE'S IN
THE LOSS OF HIS SON...



...BRUCE...

WHAT PRICE IS
THERE TO SEE
THOMAS WAYNE'S
HOPES FULFILLED?



CAN ONE MAN'S HOPES
DOOM SO MANY OTHERS?

THAWNE'S GIFT TO THE
WAYNES--A GOTHAM
WITHOUT A BATMAN
AND WITHOUT HIS OWN
INTERFERENCE.



THE HOPE OF A
SINGLE BULLET.



WHAT LIFE NOW
LIES AHEAD OF THEM?
I CANNOT SEE.

IT'S HIS WORLD NOW,
CLOSED TO ME.

IT IS MY WORLD, AND IF ANYBODY
TRIES TO TAKE IT FROM ME...



...I'LL BE
READY!



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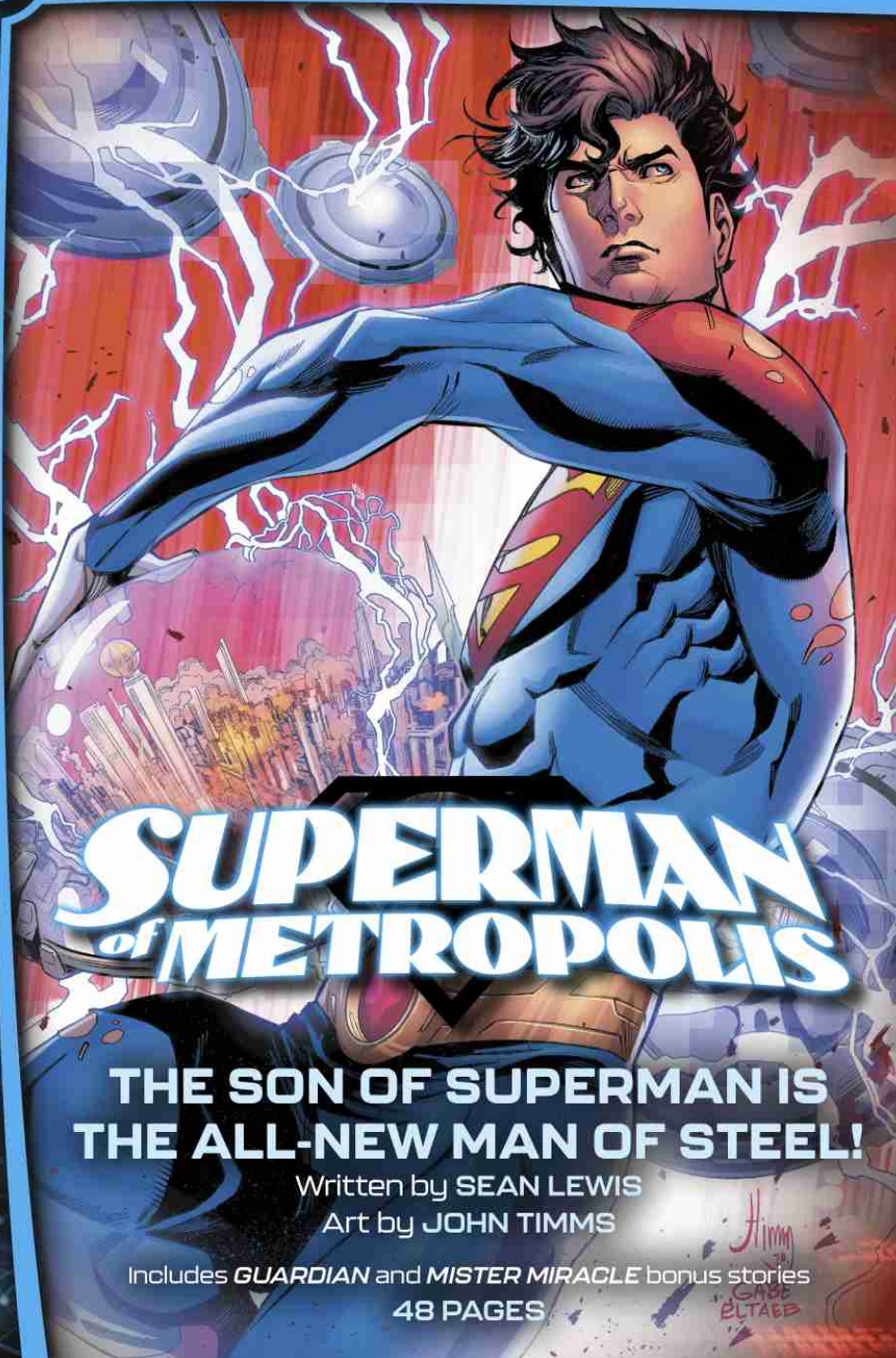
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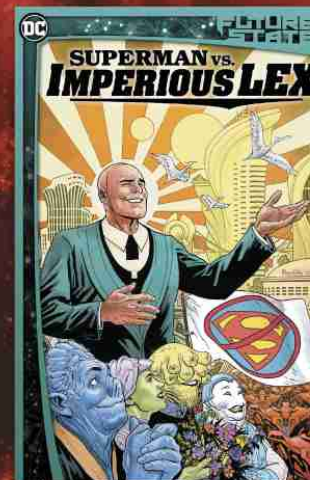
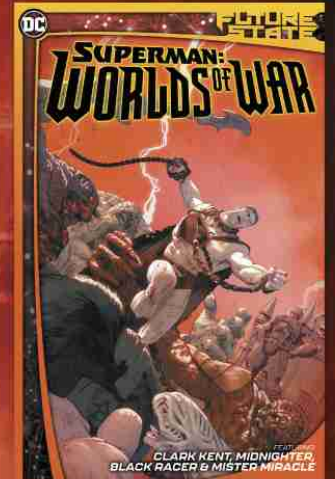


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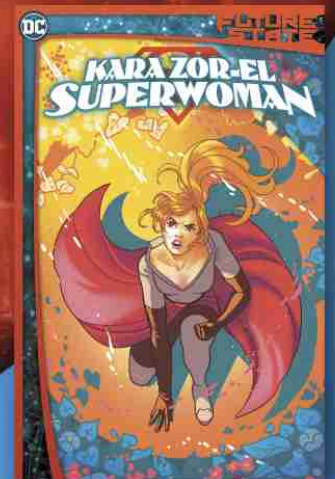
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